

Michigan Supreme Court  
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**RE: COURT RULE NO. 2003-47**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter because there is a group of people who are trying to deny me my right as an American to a trial by jury. The Michigan Constitution, as well as the United States Constitution makes it clear, that judges are not to make the law, but rather interpret the law. It is unsettling to me, as to why the Michigan Supreme Court is even considering to allow this to happen and deny the Michigan Asbestos Disease Victims their American right to a jury trial.

If you allow this to happen, are you also going to allow Judges to decide the guilt or the innocence of rapists and murderers? I ask you, how would you feel if your daughter, mother or sister were murdered and the accused was either a relative to a judicial member or had a lot of money and was set free without any accountability for his actions because he had money or relatives in the judicial system. We do not blame the victims or their families of rape and murder or prosecute them, so I must ask... WHY are we blaming the victims in the asbestos cases??? The asbestos cases are very similar to the above example. Big Corporations and their Insurance Companies are getting away with murder, why we ask..... because they have money and can tie this up in court longer than many victims will be alive and because they are trying to buy the Michigan Judicial System. This is not a new problem..... In 1935, General Motors knew that asbestos was poisoning their brake workers and tried to "eliminate the jury". They did not succeed then and should not succeed now. It was also stated that in a 1966 document from Honeywell's Bendix unit that the company's attitude towards its workers was "If you have enjoyed a good life while working with asbestos products, why not die from it. There's got to be some cause" Is that the attitude we want here in America?? That because you worked in a place that had this and did not know of the effects it could have on you or had no other choice but to work there because you had a family to support, that you should pay for it with your life??? There are people young and old dying from asbestos exposure and we, along with our families, deserve our day in court and to have a verdict handed down to us by a jury of our peers..... Not judges. The verdict should be fair and not bought by the corporations and insurance companies it should be by a jury.

What will it take for the courts to take asbestos as a serious issue?? How would you feel if as a judge, your courtroom was in a building and you were exposed all day, every day to asbestos?? Would you then take it as a serious issue..... when it was your life at stake or possibly your families lives at stake?

I am a retired worker, and have asbestos in my lungs. I have a hard time breathing because of this. I ask you, Please, Do not allow Michigan and the Michigan Supreme Court to be used as tools of the asbestos industry and big corporations. Do Not let them deny the working people their constitutional rights as American citizens to a jury trial when harmed by corporate misconduct. This is a serious crisis. Corporations NEED to take responsibility for their actions. Isn't that what we were taught in elementary school???? The victims should not be punished..... give us our day in court and our right to a jury trial.

Sincerely,  
Arnold Rose

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